

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 915, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

**JENNIFER HERRICK****HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jennifer Herrick for her service to the people of Colorado.

Jennifer exudes the character of a caring citizen and passionate mother. She is a consistent foster mother to troubled, at-risk teens and rescue animals. As a foster mother, Jennifer cares for her foster children long after they have left her care, no matter where the children end up. As a rescue animal enthusiast, Jennifer is especially compassionate for larger breeds including Newfoundlands and Great Danes, and is a large contributor to Rocky Mountain animal rescue organizations.

Jennifer owns a small consignment shop in Evergreen named CRAVE. She is known for being environmentally conscious and community-friendly by donating unwanted items from her store to EChO (Evergreen Christian Outreach).

She is a large supporter of small businesses, by offering area retailers and organizations frequent discounts at her store. Jennifer also sends email notices to her customers asking that they shop locally and support their community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jennifer Herrick for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

**HONORING BAKER COLLEGE'S  
100TH YEAR OF EDUCATIONAL  
SUCCESS**

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Baker College as it celebrates 100 years of educational success.

Baker Business University, as it was known then, was founded by Eldon E. Baker of Flint, Michigan in 1911. Mr. Baker focused on creating a school that provided higher education and training that would enable graduates to have a successful business career. Eldon Baker's vision remains a guiding light for Baker College and its students.

After years of success Baker Business University received regional accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, its three campuses merged to form

the Baker College System. The following year Baker Junior College was authorized to grant a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and became what is known today as Baker College of Flint. Following the accreditation, Baker College of Flint made an \$11 million investment to renovate the former Mandeville School property. Today, that is the foundation for the state of the art campus that resides in Flint.

Presently, Baker College serves more than 40,000 students on 12 campuses, including Baker College Online, and in four satellite locations; grants certificates and associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in business, health sciences, education, human services, and various technical fields, as well as a doctorate of business administration. Baker College is a principal in the Greater Flint economy and tool for thousands to better themselves and their families.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Baker College on 100 years of growth and success. I wish continued prosperity for the college, its employees, and most importantly the students.

**MARIAN METSOPOULOS****HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marian Metsopoulos for her outstanding commitment to our community.

Marian is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of Lakewood and Jefferson County. As a dedicated historian, Marian looks to the future and the generations impacted by her efforts to save the past.

Her passion extends to the arts as well, where she served as coordinator of the Foothills Arts Center for twenty four years. Marian was a pioneer in making the Foothills Arts center a known name in the community. Her collaboration with local artists and business put the center on the map.

Marian's many accomplishments include support for heritage education, restoration projects for Lakewood's Heritage Center and the Buffalo Bill Museum and grave.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Marian Metsopoulos for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

**WAYNE GRISHAM POST OFFICE**

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID DREIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2011*

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wayne Grisham. From serving as a decorated combat pilot during World War II, to his public service as Mayor of La Mirada and later, as a Member of Congress, Wayne Grisham honorably served his nation, his state and his community.

After graduating from Jordan High School in Long Beach, California, Wayne Grisham joined the Army Air Corps. During World War II, he became a prisoner of war after his aircraft was shot down on a combat mission over Germany. For his valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart. After the war, Wayne completed his studies at Whittier College and the University of Southern California and went on to build a successful real estate company.

In 1970, Wayne began his political career on the La Mirada City Council and soon became the city's mayor. Wayne was elected to Congress in 1978 and was immediately known for his civility. President John F. Kennedy said in his inaugural address that "civility is not a sign of weakness." This was certainly true of Wayne Grisham. In 1982, Wayne and I found ourselves in the unfortunate circumstance of having our districts drawn together. I was honored to call Wayne Grisham, not only a colleague, but a friend, and while we engaged in a rigorous campaign, I will never forget Wayne's strength of character and enduring friendship. Wayne continued his dedication to public service through elected office in California and as the director of the Peace Corps in Kenya.

Mr. Speaker, it was a privilege to have served in Congress with Wayne Grisham and I am pleased that we are able to honor him today.

**HONORING THE SOCIETY OF  
INNOVATORS CLASS OF 2011-2012**

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend Ivy Tech Community College Northwest and its regional partners, who recently celebrated their 7th Annual "Spirit of Innovation" Induction Ceremony, in which twenty-three individuals and sixteen teams were inducted as members of the 2011-2012 class of the Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana. Individuals were selected from these new members and inducted as Society Fellows for their exceptional efforts in innovation. These individuals include: Mayor Jon Costas, Robert Johnson III, Julie Rizzo, Angela Hambling, and Janet Brown, Ph.D. Also honored was the Chanute Prize team recipient, IVDiagnostics at Entech, Valparaiso. For their outstanding efforts, these honorees were inducted during a prestigious event that took place in the Pavilion Ballrooms located at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana, on October 20, 2011.

The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana was created by Ivy Tech Northwest with the goal of highlighting and encouraging innovative individuals and groups within the not-for-profit, public, and private sectors, as well as building a "Culture of Innovation" in Northwest Indiana. The importance of innovation in Northwest Indiana, as well as globally, is crucial in today's ever-changing economy.

The five Fellows selected by the Society of Innovators were chosen for their remarkable